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Title : Need to interconnect National Highways No. 21 and 22 from Aut to Luhri (Sainj) in Himachal Pradesh and declare it as a National Highway.

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH (MANDI): I would like to draw the kind attention of this House that there are two main National Highways in my constituency. One is National Highway-21, which starts from Chandigarh to Leh via Mandi and Manali and another is National Highway-22, which starts from Ambala to Kaurik. These National Highways i.e. 21 & 22 go to Leh and Kaurik, which are on Pakistan and China borders respectively. Thus apart from catering to the need of local population and tourists, there are of strategic importance. The National Highway-21 has served a key role during Kargil war. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has constructed a road, which is about 100 kms from Aut to Luhri (Sainj) and connects National Highway-21 at Aut and National Highway-22 at Luhri (Sainj). The inter connection of these two National Highways will not only provide a corridor to the tourists and local population, but also shall be great strategic importance as it will reduce the distance between two stations by 300 kms.

May I request the Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways to declare this road as a National Highway and provide adequate financial assistance as well as machinery backup to accomplish the work and achieve the goal in a time bound manner.